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Carol J. Garcia Strata Production Company Post Office Drawer 1030 Roswell, NM 88202-1030

Re: Nash Federal Unit #16 Section 12, T23S R29E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Carol J. Garcia:

Western Ag-Minerals company will protest the location of the Nash Unit #16 well because it will result in the loss of potash resources. Although the well is out side our LMR, I.M.C.F. indicates that an ore body extends from their lease into ours as defined by core holes PCA-35 and USGS-17. They have shown interest in mining this ore.

However, if the well location is relocated either 1320 feet due south or 1720 feet due west from the current location, which will preserve the potash resource, Western Ag-Minerals will allow that new location.

Sincerely,

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Ben F. Zimmerly Advanced Mining Engineer

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cc: R. H. Heinen M. T. Worley

